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LETTER DATED 9 SEPTEMBER 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, a letter dated 9 September 1994 from H.E. Mr. Radoje Kontić, Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, concerning the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIĆ
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

Security Council resolution 908 (1994) of 31 March 1994 extended the mandate of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) in the United Nations Protected Areas (UNPAs) until 30 September 1994. In this connection, I wish to convey to you the position of the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia that it is necessary to extend the mandate of UNPROFOR beyond this date. Otherwise, it would be unrealistic to expect any further progress in keeping the fragile peace and in promoting the peace process.

The Republic of Croatia has persistently attempted to politicize the current negotiation process and has, contrary to the Vance plan, opened the question of a final political settlement. This is clearly indicated by the recent developments, in which Croatian population in areas bordering the UNPAs, obviously supported by the authorities, blocked UNPROFOR and made its work impossible, which is in direct violation of the cease-fire agreement of 29 March 1994 and the provisions of the Vance plan. In addition, there are permanent threats by the highest Croatian officials of the use of force as the most efficient means for resolving the problem of the UNPAs. The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has consistently observed its obligations under the Vance plan as the only valid and agreed international instrument. The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia believes that the Vance plan should be fully and consistently implemented.

The results achieved by UNPROFOR in peace-keeping, as well as the said developments, clearly indicate the need for an extension of the UNPROFOR mandate. Otherwise, the aggressive behaviour of Croatia would endanger not only the security of the population of the UNPAs but also of the UNPROFOR troops, as well as annulling all efforts of participants in the Geneva Conference aimed at restoring a lasting and equitable peace.

Considering that the Security Council is to adopt a new decision on the extension of the UNPROFOR mandate, we ask you kindly to bear in mind the fact that the presence of UNPROFOR in the Protected Areas is an important factor in the creation of the necessary conditions for a political settlement of the problem. In that respect, the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia will continue to provide its fully support.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you my appreciation and gratitude for your peace efforts aimed at the restoration of a lasting peace and a just settlement in the former Yugoslav space.

Radoje KONTIĆ